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MB Docket No. 04-233**

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To Whom it may concern,
FCC MB Docket no. 0-4-233

Christian Radio shines a light in
the darkness for so many people.

We as listeners are very concerned
about our right to freedom of speech.

Please save Christian Radio it
touches so many lives.

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Neh 8:10

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

WTLR State College Pa.

WDBA Du Bois, Altoona Pa.

WRXV Altoona, Hollidaysburg Pa.
& State College.

Thank you,

Betsy Laxer - Fisher

April 9, 2008

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FCC Main Room

re: Proposed Rule Changes, ref #04-233
Radio Rules and Regulations
Public comments

Dear Secretary,

Thank you for taking the time to review my comments with regard to the proposed rule changes within the radio broadcasting media/industry.

First I would like to thank you for all the effort you spend on my and the public's behalf to make the radio medium and industry to be of the highest quality and value to the broad spectrum that makes up our society.

With regard to the upcoming proposed rule changes I would appreciate if you could take into consideration the significant impact they could have on the smaller (less 500 watt) local radio stations, providing a great deal of diversity (on very tight budgets) to a listening public that loves and relies on small stations providing special programming (such as stations providing good and "memory" type music from the 40s, 50s and 60s) to an older public that would otherwise exist in a very lonely and isolated world. For an older public, that often lives in increasing isolation, the viability of the small station is important.

I am sure your intent in these changes is to improve and add to the positive parameters of the broadcasting media. Given that, my comments and concerns are directed more to the form and process of the proposed changes that will be used to implement them, and not so much to the substance /content of the changes which I trust you deem will provide the most value- overall- to the listening public.

I know in regulation, you have the opportunity to shape, as well as regulate the field. Therefore with regard to some of the changes, I would encourage your consideration of advancing some of these changes in the form of 'softer' issuances, such as guidelines or 'letters/bulletins' rather than 'harder' regulation, thus giving the small budget stations, on limited resources, an opportunity of time and transition to change and shape their operations to implement and provide a conforming operation.

I know that last year, the sudden increase in licensing fees (five to ten fold) caused serious financial difficulties for the smaller station. I feel that changes that may be considered less major in the overall regulation of the media, be given leeway in their time frame of implementation, such that the smaller station is not seriously impacted in its operation by being required to expend much resources over a short time, to the detriment of its operation and quality.

In general, the smaller stations that I listen to already are very sensitive to the public and offer much in the way of information supporting the industry in public health and safety. I think that working with local communities is something that could be phased in over time and actually happens in most cases, naturally, without regulation, as the smaller station tends to be much more sensitive to being part of the community than the larger stations.

I also believe that in today's world of advanced technologies, providing sophisticated monitoring and communication tools, full time presence at a station is not a necessity as long as the station operators always have access to the programming even if it's in the form of remote access and station monitoring system that provide continuous electronic information as to station status. After all look at the current state of broadcasting/communication in our world today which is so highly dependent on a network of satellites (that certainly do not have full time human presence).

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

Most truly,

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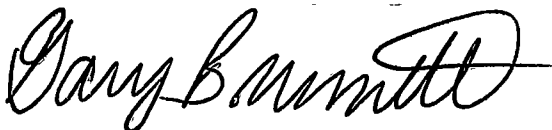
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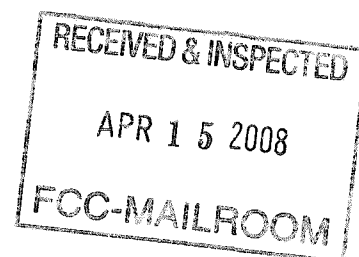
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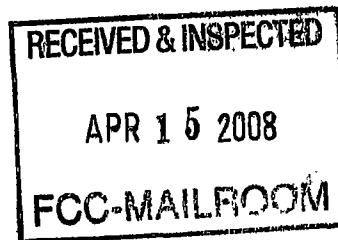
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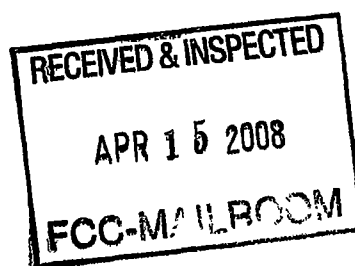


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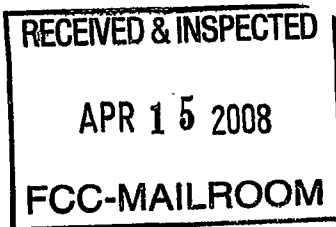


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FCC Mail Room

Media Bureau,

Please leave rules for radio stations
as is.

The station I listen to, WJIB in
Cambridge, Mass is one of the few, maybe
the only station around that has decent
music.

Yours Truly,

Majone Lauritzen

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Dear Secretary: FCC Mail Room

Kindly keep hands
off and leave the rules
as they are now. We
need our local ^{radio} stations
which are very small and
fill a small but necessary
function in our communities.
In summary, leave the
rules as they are now.

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George & Catherine Oyar
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Wakefield, MA 01880